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## OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, until further  
orders, the *China Mail* and *Overland China  
Mail* will be the official medium of all  
Notifications proceeding from Her Britan-  
nica Majesty's Consulate at Canton,  
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D. B. ROBERTSON, Consul.

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nica Majesty's Consulate at Amoy,  
British Consulate, Amoy, April 22, 1868.  
R. SWINHOE, Consul.

## ARRIVALS.

real Chateau Margaux.  
Haut Bages.  
L'Espresso Duroc.  
Hennequin's and Martel's in  
case.  
1 PORTER in bottle.  
(Plates) in kegs.  
Also,  
of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
28 oz. with NAILS.

OUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
December 11, 1867.

CHAMPAGNE,  
GR. CARTE NOIRE.  
only Champagne awarded the  
First Class at the Paris Exhib.

SANDER & CO.  
February 27, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
of very superior SHERRY,  
lived ex. "Channel Queen,"  
prior Amontillado SHERRY  
3 doz. cases.  
prior Oloroso SHERRY in 3  
doz. cases.  
prior Superfine SHERRY in 2  
doz. cases.  
prior-cakes (cased) Superior  
prior Oloroso SHERRY.

BB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
January 27, 1868.

MAS NOVELTIES  
by  
GRAFORD & CO.  
S and Wedding CAKES,  
Orange, Vanilla, Ratafia etc.  
UTS.  
Kimmel's ROSE WATER  
RS.  
sox of BONBONS.

CAVIARE.  
GS. Brown MUSCATELL.  
BONS, Carabash WAFERS,  
SICOTS, Assorted Dessert  
LVV. Truffled CHICKENS,  
LANS, Potted Sennin SAL-  
d Reindeer's TONGUES in  
PE, and  
LE ORNAMENTS.  
ES, GRAPHOSCOPES,  
Transparent VIEWS,  
ENDARS, Novel DICE, and  
T. NOIR.  
THERMOMETERS, Astro-  
LESCOPE, Comet BAGS,  
SES.  
PIPS, Meerschaum PIPES,  
CASES.

December 9, 1867.

TAG HOTEL STORES,  
No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Just Landied.

THE CREAM.  
AMS, SAU.  
CURRANTS,  
berry VINEGAR,  
USTARD,  
BLACKING.  
NDY.

TOM.  
E in pint.  
CHEESE.  
HAMS.

EDMUND HOLMES,  
January 9, 1868.

LANDED  
Steamer "CHINA"  
ACKEREL in kits.  
LMON  
" by the pound.

" in dozen cases.  
10 lb. tins.

ING in bottles.  
THOS. HUNT & CO.  
January 17, 1868.

shipped by CHARLES ARKELL,  
Editor, at No. 3, Wyndham  
St., Hongkong.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MACAO.

Hongkong, March 14, 1868.

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NEWS AGENCY.  
J. B. MORRIS News Agent, Hong-  
kong, being now prepared to receive  
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published in England or The United  
States of America, at prices as low as  
those charged by any home agency,  
begs to solicit the support of the reading  
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The greatest copies of the best English  
and American Newspapers received  
by every mail steamer, also the latest  
copies of the *Times*, *Standard*, and *Japan*.

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Apply to.

J. B. MORRIS,  
Care of Messrs Morris & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 4, 1868.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fee on the Transfer of Shares in the  
Corporation will henceforth be One  
Dollar for each Certificate issued, instead of  
Twenty-five Cents upon each individual Share  
as formerly.

VICTOR KRESSER,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on  
TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.;  
for the purpose of ascertaining the views of  
Members with reference to the working of  
the Stamp Ordinance, and to discuss such  
Sections of the Schedule as call for revision.  
By order.

J. W. WOOD,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,  
March 12, 1868. 17mar

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 13, President Harbitz, from Whampoa.  
Mar. 14, Douglas, British steamer, 615;  
Piman, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, Mar.  
15 and 16; General—P. & O. Co.  
Mar. 14, Arragon, British steamer,  
928; II. Do Smart; Calcutta and Singapore,  
Feb. 27 and Mar. 6; General—G., Living-  
stone & Co.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned is  
REMOVED to Gage Street, Corner of  
Lynhurst Terrace.

REYNVAAN BROTHIERS & CO.,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. THOMSON is prepared to take  
PORTRAITS, VIEWS and other  
PHOTOGRAPHS.—Rooms, Commercial  
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

NOTICE.

SIGNOR P. MONTALBETTI is open to  
Engagements to give LESSONS in  
MUSIC. Terms moderate.

Address next door to St. Saviour's Col-  
lege, Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

NOTICE.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING of this  
Society, will be held in Canton, at the  
house of Messrs OLIPHANT & CO., on  
TUESDAY, the 17th March, at 11 o'clock  
A.M.

J. G. KERR,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1868. 14mar

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED  
the Interest of the "WANCHI STEAM  
BAKERY," begs to notify the Public of Hong-  
kong and Ship Masters that he is prepared  
to furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD  
in various forms, to any part of the Country.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at  
low rates constantly on hand or baked in  
quantities at short notice.

Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar  
BAKES by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.

ALSO CORN and RYE MEAL, HOMINY,  
CORN STARCH, EICARB, SODA, SALT,  
RUM and CREAM TARTRAR.

FLOUR of best brands constantly on  
hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or  
Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the superintendence  
of MR JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders  
forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at  
Messrs Tros. HUNG & CO.'s will receive  
prompt attention.

L. P. WARD.

Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

NOTICE.

SALEAD TENDERS will be received at  
this Office until Noon, on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 18th March, 1868, for the hire of a  
HOUSE containing from 4 to 8 Rooms,  
suitable for Officer's Quarters, the vicinity  
of the Albany, Robinson Road, preferred.  
The Owner to be responsible for all Rates  
and Taxes.

REDMOND UNLACKE,  
Dep. Commr. Gen.

Controller's Office, Commissary  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868. 15mar

NOTICE.

MRS. VINTON'S PRIVATE FAMILY  
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT,  
Hollywood Road, next door to the Hotel  
DE EUROPE.

Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

NOTICE.

L. A. CRAWFORD & CO.'s First Part-

nership of BASS' OCTOBER BREW has  
arrived per "CHINAMAN."

Hongkong, March 2, 1868. 17mar

NOTICE.

Ex Mr. Laxmecat, Ferry Cross, and other  
Arrivals.

BASS'S PALE ALE in quarts and pints.

London Brown STOUT, in do.

Hennequin's & Martel's BRANDY.

English OLD TOM GIN.

Hubbard's PAINTS.

Do. boiled and raw LINSEED OIL.

At LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1868. 16mar

NOTICE.

GROUP OF BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA, HONG-  
KONG.

THE CATHEDRAL, MACAO.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MACAO.

Hongkong, March 14, 1868.

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## New Advertisements.

PER MAIL STEAMER.

Suitable for Christmas Presents.

SPLendid ASSORTMENT of

Meerschaum PIPES with and  
without Cherrywood Stems.

Oigar HOLDERS.

ALBUMS.

etc. etc. etc.

BIFFIELD and ZACHARIAE,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE, EX BEHAR.

THE Queen's New BOOK

"Leaves from the Journal  
of our Life in the Highlands."

BOWRA & CO.

Hongkong, March 10, 1868.

FOR SALE.

DOWNTONS PUMPS

as under

One 7 inch, 3 ft lift patent PUMP,

with Cast Iron flywheel, and  
handles, and with 6 hole 7 inch

suction plate, with goose neck  
pipes and fittings complete.

One 5 inch Do. do. do.

Two 6 inch Gun Metal Fire EN-

GINES, with Hoses complete.

BOWRA & CO.

Hongkong, January 11, 1868.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing

four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent,

## Insurances.

**SUN FIRE OFFICE.**  
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Office, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions. Risks will also be accepted at the following Ports:

Canton, by Messrs DEACON & Co.  
Macao, " E. L. LANCA, Esq.  
Amoy, " Messrs BOYD & Co.  
Fukien, " Messrs KINNEAR & Co.  
Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be obtained on application to,

ADAM SCOTT & Co. Agents,  
Hongkong, May 22, 1867.

**GUARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

REDUCTIONS IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR ATTACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses, used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co. Agents,  
Hongkong, October 19, 1865.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (FIRE AND LIFE).**

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

The Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Vessels in Harbours, and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to,

ARNOLD KARBERG & Co.  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates.

RATNAL & Co.  
Macao, Aug. 4, 1866.

**MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.**

Paid UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

DETACHED and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

**SHORT PERIOD RATES.**

NOT exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " "

Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 " "

Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 the annual rate.

GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, August 8, 1866.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

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Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

**ROYAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

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GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

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GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927.

ANNUAL REVENUE £207,203.

The Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co.  
Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

**ALBERT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

ESTABLISHED 1838.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

Managing Agents in China—Messrs.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee—J. IVOR MURRAY.

Estd. M.D.

The Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Managing Agents in China.

Hongkong, June, 1867.

**OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

LONDON.

Incorporated 1829.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents, Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.**

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

## Insurances.

**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, on any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents, Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

**MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.

The Directors have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs Holliday, Wise & Co. as agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghaia, Canton, Hankow, and Fuchien, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates of whom all needful information may be obtained.

By Order of the Board,  
JAS. B. NORTHCOTT, Secretary.

**REDUCTION OF RATES.**

The Undersigned are prepared to accept Short period Risks at the following Reduced Scale, viz.:

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do.

Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 the annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Hongkong, August 7, 1866.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Hongkong, August 7, 1866.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

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Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

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DETACHED and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

**LIFE ASSURANCE.**

The Undersigned are prepared to accept Policies for amounts not exceeding £10,000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, January 6, 1865.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

The Undersigned agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

The Undersigned agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

REDUCTION IN

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## Miscellaneous.

To see this omission repaired in time. With the exception of the timeliness of the paper, the work is very creditable to us; and we have sincere pleasure in acknowledging the authors and publishers deserve merit of their admirable performance.

glishman's *Calculus* of June 8—celebrated volumes of the French on China, and Sir Rutherford's account of Japan are, no books of a far higher class than ours; but for practical utility, of locomotion, trading and many of the places coming with us, *The Treaty Ports of China* by Messrs Mayers, Dennis and Parry are them. It is difficult to what class of books to place it in a mixture of history, topography, Murray's Hand-book and Guide—all as complete and their own line could be expected, perhaps, the book will be attractive to students, it is calculated to give more intimate knowledge it describes, aided by the extracts which accompany it—the of Chinese—than any of the works that have preceded it. We have said enough for any one about to visit, or for the countries described, contains not only most valuable, but many useful hints.

AND C. ELLIS,  
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CHINA AND JAPAN.  
A MEDIUM OF INTER-  
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for  
National and Literary Men,  
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## of the Press.

*New Times*, Mar. 1867.) this week, appears of some correspondence which has appeared our columns, an extract from "Notes and Queries" on Japan, on the subject of in which we particularly recommend of our contributions as some reliable facts; in connection with the "Notes" is peculiar for bringing to light valuation of the devoted missionaries already grown grey in their service to which they have given

of North China Branch of Royal Asiatic Society.

March 1867.  
icals which are likely to be of have also been communicated at Foochow, and is called "Recorder," and the other in Hongkong and is called "Recorder." It is intended to serve of intercommunication for published in Chinese Philology, Geology. These indications of life are perhaps the most important, "Notes" has been our record, for they are all means of mutual understanding one which seems so hard to establish Europe and China.

(Recorder, May 17, 1867.) in possession of the fourth Notes and Queries on China.

In saying that the present in interest and importance us, we have already said a in favour. Our knowledge has hitherto been so illarranged, entombed as it is of works, in different languages, in point of time, over centuries, that some means must be taken now, from what ever over and over again desired to be desired to bring the subjects of intercommunication on other subjects of interest with the far East, we appearance of "Notes and Queries" We need only add that of convenient size, is carried Mr. N. B. Dennis, and is low price of \$4 per annum; this, we trust, that "Notes China and Japan" will meet those who so creditable a proportion at the hands of those scientific researches.

(Recorder, May 4, 1867.) 1867, a copy of "Notes and Queries" will be ready in much matter relating to America would be lost, and success. "Biologized" China and science men ought gratulate themselves on the Notes and Queries, as it is medium of communication notice what otherwise might remain buried in themselves. and "Officialism" have got science and Philology their, and Missionaries their various divisions of marital work in this land ought to be for our part we are glad general issues, both on account and instruction they they index supply to the foreign community in

Price, Mar. 2, 1867.) we the first number of a list of eight pages entitled "Notes and Queries" on China and Japan, a able and interesting class on China, together with various queries for future consideration, and stated that the former will depend upon the width of its contributions, we received with eagerest as throwing light upon conditions of China, with re-laws of the various provinces of the people.

## Post-Office Notifications.

MAILS BY THE "BEHAR." The Contract Packet "BEHAR" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Mar., at 7 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 24th Mar.; Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on the 25th Mar., until 5 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on the 25th Mar. will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a Late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 5 A.M. on the 26th Mar.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, via Marseilles or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 6.30 to 6.00 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which postage is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Imperfectly-stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. on the 25th Mar. will not be forwarded unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 9 P.M. on the 24th Mar., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

## Intimations.

GEORGE GLASSE,  
(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO  
KINGSFORD & CO., PICCADILLY,  
LONDON, AND 28, PLACE  
VENDOME, PARIS)

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN  
CHEMIST

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

Mr WILLIAM GASKELL,

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PATERSON & HANDLEY,  
House and Ship Plumbers, Copper  
and Zinc Workers, and Gas Fitters,  
16, Queen's Road West, and  
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Water Boats in constant readiness to supply  
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Sails made and repaired on the Premises.

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Shortest Notice.

Apply to C. M. BROWNE,  
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WANTED by a YOUNG MAN, a situation  
as Clerk or Book-keeper. A nominal salary would be accepted, immediate employment being a greater object.

Highest references can be given.  
Address "R.", China Mail Office.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1867.

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BY A Gentleman just arrived, a Situation  
as BOOK-KEEPER and ACCOUNTANT.  
Good shorthand writer; thoroughly  
understands Shipping and Insurance. Ad-  
dress "H. B. B.", Office of this paper.  
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

Hongkong Lightering and  
Storage Co.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1868-69.

SEALED TENDERS marked on the outside "Tender for Water" will be received by the Undersigned at or before Noon on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, for the supply of Water to H. M. Ships at this port, from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1869.

Conditions of Contract can be seen and further particulars obtained on application at this office.

A. H. PRICE,  
Naval & Victualling Storekeeper.  
Hollywood Victualling Yard,  
6th March, 1868. 21mar

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1868-69.

SEALED TENDERS marked on the outside "Tender for Biscuit, &c.," will be received by the Undersigned at or before Noon on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, for the supply of the following Articles for the use of the Victualling Department, from the 1st April 1868, to 31st March 1869, viz.—

Biscuits, per lb., English weight.  
Soft Bread, per lb., English weight.

Conditions of contract can be seen and further particulars obtained on application at this office.

A. H. PRICE,  
Naval & Victualling Storekeeper.  
Hollywood Victualling Yard,  
6th March, 1868. 21mar

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1868-69.

SEALED TENDERS marked on the outside "Tender for Fresh Beef, &c.," will be received by the Undersigned at or before Noon, on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, for the supply of the following Articles for the use of the Victualling Department, from the 1st April 1868, to 31st March 1869, viz.—

Fresh Beef, per lb., English weight.

Vegetables, per lb., English weight.

Sugar, " " "

Tea, " " "

Raisins, " " "

Rice, " " "

Rat, " " "

Oil, " " "

Firewood, " " "

Managers.

Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

"STAG HOTEL."

SITUATE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

PERSONS and FAMILIES requiring Su-  
perior Hotel Accommodation will find  
it at the above Establishment.

EDMUND R. HOLMES,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 22, 1867.

W. P. MOORE

RETURNS his sincere thanks to the Pub-

lic in general for their generous pa-  
tronage of late, and feels quite proud that

his humble efforts are so highly appreciated.

He is ever to be found at the old Stand,

Corner of Peel Street and Queen's Road,

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serve any Gentlemen who may feel the ne-  
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Shaving, 25 cents.

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Nothing but pure Vegetable Shampoo

used in this Establishment, and it invig-  
orates and beautifies the Hair.

Particular attention paid to setting Ra-  
zors.

By order of the Court of Directors,

JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1868.

C. L. VOLKMANN,  
Private Boarding Establishment.

20, HOLLYWOOD ROAD,  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 7, 1868.

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## Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP "ELIZA," FROM CALCUTTA.  
THE above vessel having arrived in the Harbour and being now ready to discharge Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo.

Any cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will, in terms of Charter Party, be landed and stored, as it comes to hand, at the Consignees' risk and expense.

OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

## "MERCHANTMAN" FROM CALCUTTA.

CONSIGNEEs of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored by the Undersigned at Consignees' risk and expense.

The average bond is now required for signature at the Office of the Undersigned, Queen's Road, and Consignees are requested to sign the same as early as possible.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

"BELTED WILL" from LONDON.  
CONSIGNEEs of cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at the Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1868.

SHIP "CHINAMAN."

THE above named vessel having arrived in Harbour, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature and take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at owners' risk and expense.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, March 3, 1868.

"VIRGEN DEL CARMEN" FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEEs of cargo by the above-named Vessel, will please send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Tigre," 6th December, 1867.  
1 Case Feathers.  
Ex "Domina," 7th January, 1868.

RT 531 1 Case Paper.  
B 531 Ex "Cambridge," 3rd February, de Grancy 1 Case Boots.  
Ex "Hoogly," 16th March, MB 19 pds. Sundries.  
EBJ 2 boxes Feathers.  
AS 1 c. Samples Cloth  
Ths. de Carama, 1 Trunk.  
C. BRITTRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1868.

NOTICE.

We have this day established ourselves as GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS under the Style and Firm of B. S. BARNETT & Co.

A. A. ROSENTHAL,  
B. S. BARNETT,  
Saigon, February 6, 1868.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the business of my Marine Surveying at this port.

H. J. DRING,  
Marine Surveyor.  
Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq. at Fochow will be conducted by the Undersigned.

J. C. SAUNDERS,  
Chap. Min.,  
Payoda Anchorage,  
Fochow.

Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. A. STRICKER in our Firm ceased yesterday by lapse of time.

BOYD & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our Firm ceased on the 1st January, 1866.

ROSMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

Have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & CO. (Sd.) W. C. VAN OORDT,  
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

NOTICE.

R. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.

MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, February 15, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
MR. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. C. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.

The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.

JAMESON & BARTON.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

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"MERCHANTMAN" FROM CALCUTTA.

CONSIGNEEs of cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.

A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE Business will be henceforth carried on under the same Name by the Undersigned.

A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. D. MEYERS, and  
HENRY FEHR.

Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

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HENRY FEHR.

Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

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NOTICE.

THE Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.

MARY HASTELLOW RANDLE,  
Superintendent.  
Diocesan School.

Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1868.

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DEACON & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

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NOTICE.

MR. JOHN HOW CHIEVERTON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.

ESTABLISHED 1854.

Subscribed Capital, ... 2,600,000.

Accumulated Funds exceed 2,908,000.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are empowered to accept LIFE ASSURANCES in the above Society. Full particular given on application.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

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LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
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China, February 15, 1868.

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## Auctions.

## New Advertisements.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!  
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GREAT SACRIFICES!!  
SPLENDID BARGAINS!!!

MULLER & CLAUSEN  
BEG to announce that they are Selling off their stocks of the undermentioned GOODS at Invoice prices, consisting of—  
Black Cloth Dress FROCK and Walking COATS.

A quantity of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, and an assortment of JEWELLERY and WATCHES.  
Also,  
A few ARTICLES of Furniture, Choice WINES, including some First Rate CLARET, CHAMPAGNE and MARASCHINO.  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

Hongkong, March 14, 1868. 18mar

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.  
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on



**ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.**  
(From *Celtic Myths of the Middle Ages*.  
By S. Baring-Gould, M.A.)

The legend, as told by Voragine, is this: George, a tribune, was born in Cappadocia, and came to Lybia to the town called Silene, near which was a pond infested by a monster, which had many fangs driven back an armed host that had come to destroy him. He even approached the walls of the city, and with his exhalations poisoned all who were near. To avoid such visits he was furnished each day with two sheep, to satisfy his voracity. If these were not given, he so attacked the walls of the town that his envenomed breath infected the air and many of the inhabitants died. He was supplied with sheep, till they were exhausted, and it was impossible to procure the necessary number. Then the citizens held council, and it was decided that each day a man and a beast should be offered, so that at last they gave up their children, sons and daughters, and none were spared. The lot fell one day on the princess. The monarch, horror-struck, offered, in exchange for her his gold, his silver, and half his realm, only desiring to save his daughter from this frightful death. But the people insisted on the sacrifice of the maiden, and all the poor father could obtain was a delay of eight days, in which to bewail the fate of the damsel. At the expiration of this time, the people returned to the palace, and said, "Why do you sacrifice your subjects for your daughter? We are all dying before the breath of this monster!" The king felt that he must resolve on parting with his child. He covered her with Royal clothes, embraced her, and said, "Alas! dear daughter, I thought to have seen myself re-born in my offspring. I hoped to have invited princes to your wedding, to have adorned you with Royal garments, and accompanied you with flutes, tambourines, and all kinds of music; but you are to be devoured by this monster! Why did not I die before you?" Then she fell at her father's feet and besought his blessing. He acceded it, weeping, and clasped her tenderly in his arms; then she went to the lake. George, who passed that way, saw her weeping, and asked the cause of her tears. She replied, "Good youth! quickly mount your horse and fly, lest you perish with me!" But George said to her, "Do not fear; tell me what you await, and why all this multitude look on?" She answered, "I see that you have a great and noble heart; yet, fly!" "I shall not go without knowing the cause," he replied. Then she exclaimed, "Bear nothing! in the name of Jesus Christ, I will lead you!" "Brave Knight!" said she, "do not seek to die with me; enough that I should perish; for you can neither assist nor deliver me, and you will only die with me." At this moment the monster rose above the surface of the water. And the virgin said, all trembling, "Fly, fly, sir knight!" His only answer was the sign of the cross. Then he advanced to meet the monster, recommending himself to God. He brandished his lance with such force that he transfixed it, and cast it to the ground. Then, addressing the princess, he bade her press her girdle round it, and fear nothing. When this was done, the monster followed like a docile hound. When they had brought it into the town, the people fled before it; but George recalled them, bidding them put aside all fear; for the Lord had sent him to deliver them from the dragon. Then the king and all his people, twenty thousand men, without counting women and children, were baptized, and George smote off the head of the monster. Other versions of the story are to the effect that the princess was shut up in a castle, and that all within were perishing for want of water, which could only be obtained from a fountain at the base of a hill, and this was guarded by the "laidly wron," from which George delivered them.

"The hero won his well-earned place  
Amid the saints, in death's dread hour;  
And still the peasant sees his grace,  
And next the Gud, reveres his power.

In many a church his form is seen  
With sword and shield, and helmet shone;

Ye know him by his steed of pride,  
And by the dragon at his side."

—Cir. Scammon.

The name story has attached itself to other saints and heroes of the middle ages, as St. Secundus of Asti, St. Victor, Gozo of Rhodes, Raymond of St. Sulpice, Struth von Winkelstein, the Count Aymond, Moor of Moorhall, "who slew the dragon of Wantley," Conyers of Stockburn, and the Knight of Lambton, "John that slew ye Worme." Ariosto adopted it into his Orlando Furioso, and made his hero deliver Angelica from Orca, in the true mystic style of George; and it appears again in the tale of Chiedeler. The cause of the legend attaching itself to our hero was possibly a misunderstanding of an emblem, used in memory of St. George, by Metaphrastus, which concludes thus:—"Liebat igitur videre astutissimum Draconem, adirens eum carmen de sanguinibus gloriae solitum, elatimque, et aere effonen-tem, & iuvene uno illumine, et ita disper-sum atra confusione, ut quid ager non habeberet?" Another writer, summing up the acts of St. George, says:—"Secundo quod Draconem vidi qui significat Diabolum;" and Hesippian, relating the sufferings of the martyr, affirms distinctly that his constancy was the occasion of the creation of the legend by Voragine. If we look at the story of Perseus and Andromeda, we shall find that in all essential particulars it is the same as that of the Cappadocian Saint. Cassiope having boasted herself to be fairer than Hera, Poseidon sent a flood and a sea-monster, to ravage the country belonging to her husband Cepheus. The oracle of Ammon had been consulted, it was ascertained that nothing would stop the resentment of the gods except the exposure of the king's daughter, Andromeda, on a rock, to be devoured by the monster. At the moment that the dragon approached the maiden, Perseus appeared, and learning her peril, engaged the monster and slew him. The scene of this conflict was near Joppa, where, in the days of St. Jerome, the bones of the huge reptile were exhibited, and Josephus pretends to have seen there the stains which attached the princess to the rock. It was at Berytus (Beirut) that the fight of St. George with the dragon took place. Similar stories were prevalent in Greece. In the isle of Salamis, Conchirus, a son of Poseidon, relieved the inhabitants from the scourge of a similar monster, who devastated the island. At Thebes a dragon ravaged the country round the city; Zeus ordered the inhabitants to give the monster their children by lot. One year it fell on Cleoratrus, Menestruatus determined to save him. He armed himself with a suit covered with hooks, and was devoured by the dragon, which perished in killing him. These stories

killed a great serpent in Caulon, an adventure afterwards related of Pythagoras, with the scene shifted to Sybaris; and Herakles, as is well known, slew Hydra. But these are all various—echoes—of the principal myth of Apollo and Python. The monster Python was sent by Hera to persecute Leto, when pregnant. Apollo, the moment that he was born, attacked the hideous beast, and pierced him with his arrows. And from the place where the serpent died there burst forth a torrent. A similar myth is found among the Scandinavians and Teutonic nations. In these northern mythologies Apollo is replaced by Sigurd, Siegfried, and Beowulf. The dragon with which Sigurd fights is Fafnir who keeps guard over a treasure of gold. Siegfried, in like manner, in the Nibelungen Lied, fights and overcomes a mighty dragon, and despoils him of a vast treasure. The Anglo-Saxon poem of Beowulf contains a similar engagement. A monster, Grendel, haunts a marsh near a town of the North Sea. At night the evil spirit rises from the swamp, and flies to the mountains, attacking the armed men, and slaying them. Beowulf awakes, fights him, and puts him to flight. But next night Grendel again attacks him, but is killed by the hero with an enchanted sword. He fights a dragon some years later, and robs it of an incalculable store of gold. The Icelandic Sagas teem with similar stories; and they abound in all European household tales. In the Rigveda we have the same story. Indra fights with the hideous serpent Ahir or Vrita, who keeps guard over the fountain of rains. In Iranian mythology the same battle is waged between Mithra and the demon Ahriman. It seems, then, that the fight with the dragon is a myth common to all Aryan peoples. Its significance is this—the maiden which the dragon attempts to devour is the earth. The monster is the storm-cloud. The hero who fights it is the sun, with his glorious sword, the lightning-flash. By his victory the earth is relieved from her peril. The fable has been varied to suit the atmospheric peculiarities of different climates in which the Aryans found themselves. In India, Vrita is coiled about the source of water, and the earth is perishing for want of rain, till pierced by the sword of Indra, when the streams descend. "I will sing," says the Rigveda, "the ancient exploits by which flashing Indra is distinguished. He has struck Ahi; he has scattered the waters on the earth; he has unlocked the torments of the heavenly mountains, (i.e., the clouds). He has struck Ahi, who lurked in the bosom of the celestial mountain; he has struck him with that sounding weapon wrought for him by Twachtri; and the waters, like cattle rushing to their stable, have poured down on the earth." And again—"O Indra, thou hast killed the violent Ahi, who withheld the waters!" "O Indra, thou hast struck Ahi, sleeping guardian of the waters, and thou hast precipitated them into the sea; thou hast pierced the compact scale of the cloud; thou hast given vent to the streams, which burst forth on all sides. Among the ancient Iranians the same myth prevailed, but was sublimated into a conflict between good and evil. In northern mythology, the serpent is probably the winter cloud, which broods over and keeps from mortals the gold of the sun's light and heat, till in the spring the bright orb overcomes the powers of darkness and tempest, and scatters his gold over the face of the earth. In the ancient Sagas of Iceland the myth has assumed a very peculiar form, which, if it would not have protracted this article to an undue length, I should have glad to have followed out. The hero descends into a tomb, where he fights a vampire, who has possession of a glorious sword, and much gold and silver. After a desperate struggle, the hero overcomes, and rises with the treasures to the surface of the earth. This, too, represents the sun in the northern realms, descending into the tomb of winter, and there overcoming the power of darkness, from whom he takes the sword of the lightning, and the treasures of fertility, wherewith the earth is blessed on the return of the sun to the skies in summer.

**THE HIGHLANDERS OF '45 AND THE FENIANS OF '63.**  
(London Scotsman, Jan. 11.)

It is a favourite topic with many of our modern historians to compare the state of disaffection in Ireland now with the condition of Scotland at the time of the last great rebellion; and to argue that as the spirit of disloyalty has been completely eradicated out of the one country, so a patient continuance in the same conciliatory conduct will produce equally beneficial results in the other. We are told not to be impatient, because sixty years and more of union have not thoroughly welded Ireland into the system of the United Kingdom; and there overcoming the power of darkness, from whom he takes the sword of the lightning, and the treasures of fertility, wherewith the earth is blessed on the return of the sun to the skies in summer.

His Worship—I have power, when I find a jury through mistaking the evidence or partially, returned a verdict repugnant to justice, to order the jury to retire again and to reconsider the verdict, and to amend it. That is my constitutional privilege and power. I don't know whether I shall exercise that power or not. It is certainly a very great stretch of authority in the court. There is no question at all of my right—not of my power. At the same time I think I will not exercise my power in this case. I will allow you to go, gentlemen. His Worship—Tut, tut, nonsense! You may retire. Stop! (Opening a large law book.) Don't know how to deal with that verdict. It is a perverse verdict.

[The jury were then moving as if to leave the box.]

His Worship—with much emphasis)—Don't go away, gentlemen. (To the foreman)—What new master came before your consideration after you retired that made you return that verdict? Did you consider all the evidence?

Foreman—Yes, we did.

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Foreman—When we looked at the evidence given before the magistrates, and the evidence submitted yesterday by the man Delaney, we found that discrepancies existed.

His Worship—Did you consider Cassidy's evidence?

Foreman—Yes, we did.

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Miscellaneous.

Three Prize Medals. Paris 1867.



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(FIRM FROM ANGLERIA.)  
Manufactured by  
**GROSSE & BLACKWELL,**  
Purveyors to the Queen,  
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## Miscellaneous.

## CONSULAR NOTIFICATION.

BRITISH CONSULATE,  
CANTON, March 9th, 1868.  
At the request of Sr. Don Manuel de Colarte, Her Catholic Majesty's Vice Consul at Canton, the undersigned has the honour to give notice that by a Royal Decree signed at Madrid on the 12th December last, the Merchandise, Implements, &c., set forth in the accompanying Schedules are now admitted free of all duty on importation in the Philippine Islands and the Island of Puerto Rico, as respectively specified in the Schedules. This abrogation of import duty is granted irrespective of the flag under which the merchandise in question may be carried, as also of the locality whence it is exported.

W.M. FREDK. MAYERS,  
Vice Consul in charge.  
To the British Community, Canton.

[TRANSLATION.]  
SCHEDULE I.—Alimentary substances and agricultural implements declared duty free on importation into the Philippine Islands and the Island of Puerto Rico, in conformity with the tenor of the Royal Decree dated this day.

1.—Oil (for alimentary use), packages included.  
2.—Rice, packages included.  
3.—Salted Cod.  
4.—Meats, salted or smoked Beef, Mutton, or Pork, Hams, and Venison.  
5.—Pork.  
6.—Grain, Vegetables and Seeds, such as Oats, Rye, Beans (*alubias*), Maize, Lentils, &c., the like.  
7.—Flour, of Wheat or other cereals, packages included.  
8.—Fresh Vegetables, Garlic, Onions, Potatoes, and the like.  
9.—Butter and Lard.  
10.—Starch, for alimentary purposes.  
11.—Fish, dried, salted, and in pickle or brine; and salted Sardines.  
12.—Jerked Beef.  
13.—Salt Pork and Bacon.  
14.—Wheat.  
15.—Live Stock.  
16.—Cattle, Horses, Mules, Asses, Sheep, Oxen, Swine, and Carabao (a kind of cattle).  
17.—Trees, Plants and Seeds for plantations and seedling.  
18.—Coal, mineral and vegetable.  
19.—Live Fish.

Madrid, December 10th, 1867.  
Approved by Her Majesty.  
(Signed) MARFOU.

True Copy.  
(Signed) MANUEL DE COLARTE.

SCHEDULE II.—Fertilizers and Implements for agriculture, handicraft, manufactures, and cultivation declared duty free on importation into Puerto Rico by Royal Decree dated this day.

1.—Guano, and natural and artificial manures of all kinds.  
2.—Machinery and all kinds of implements and mechanical instruments imported for agricultural use.  
3.—Machinery of all kinds for the cultivation of the sugar-cane, employment in sugar mills, &c.  
4.—Machinery and implements particularly intended for the industrial development of the cultivation of Cacao, Coffee, and Cotton.

5.—Machinery particularly devoted to the opening of Artesian wells.

6.—Mills for the pounding of Rice and preparation of Maize.

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## Houses and Lands.

TO LET.  
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Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

TO BE LET.  
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 63. Apply to GAVIN THOMPSON,

at GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s, Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

TO BE LET.

A HOUSE in Queen's Road, commanding a good view of the Harbour from the North side. The House contains eight good Rooms with Bath Rooms, Verandahs, front and back, Kitchens, Servants' Rooms, and Godowns on ground Floor. Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES on Carlton Terrace, Spring Gardens, with or without Godowns, rent moderate.

Apply to LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.

A LARGE ROOM fronting the Queen's Road, suitable for either an Office or a Shop.

Apply to MEDICAL HALL,

Queen's Road.

Hongkong, September 20, 1867.

TO LET.

THOSE two convenient centrally situated HOUSES Nos. 1 and 2, Old Bailey Street, Corner of Hollywood Road.

Terms moderate.

Apply to THOS. W. BARRINGTON,

53, Wyndham St.

Hongkong, February 22, 1868. 22mar

TO LET.

A OFFICE with Godown and Com-

prador's Room.

Apply to MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1866.

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N.O. 6, Pochill Terrace, Elgin Street.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 3, 1868.

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TO LET.  
THOSE centrally situated PREMISES in Peel Street close to the Queen's Road, known as the "Argus" Hotel containing 10 Rooms, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to

THOS. W. BARRINGTON,  
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Hongkong, March 3, 1868. 17mar

TO LET.

THE upper portion of House No. 29, Queen's Road, lately occupied by Dr. Henderson, with godown, out-offices and stable &c.; immediate possession. Apply to

T. W. BARRINGTON,  
53, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, March 3, 1868. 17mar

TO LET.

THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Messrs. H. MARSH & Co.

For particulars, apply to

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co

Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.

THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, the best part of the Queen's Road, with Show Cases and Fittings complete.

N.B.—Two First Floor Rooms can be had with above, if required.

Address "Z," care of Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, November 28, 1867.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.

THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1868.

TO LET.

THE HOUSE No. 8 in Seymour Terrace, commanding a good view of the Harbour, contains 2 Rooms and Out Houses, now occupied by W. H. ARMSTRONG, Esq.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON SONS & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

TO LET.

THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs. ELMENHORST & SANDERS.

For particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. N. R. MASSON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MASSON at the Albany.

Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES situated at Pedder's Wharf, lately occupied by Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Possession can be had on the 1st January, 1868.

For further particulars, apply to

THOS. HUNT & Co.

Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

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